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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Christian Benz, et al.

Serial No.: 09/680,206

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Examiner: Daniel A. Hess

Group Art Unit: 2876

For: APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC MEASUREMENT OF MEASURING FIELDS

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Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to an Office Action (non-final) mailed on February 13, 2003. The outstanding Office Action was mailed in response to a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.17(e). Thus, the outstanding Office Action constitutes the first substantive action with respect to this application since the filing of the foregoing Request for Continued Prosecution. Reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-30 are pending in this application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3-7 and 9-24. Applicants further note with appreciation that claims 28 and 30 objected to, but are indicated to be allowable if amended to include the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

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